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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 13, 2005, and having a response set to expire on August 13, 2005. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.